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1. SUMMARY: IN MOST THREATRICAL OF PROTEST CAPERS TO DATE, SEVEAL YOUTHS OBJECTING TO JAPANESE ECONOMIC PENETRATION SCALED HIGHEST BUILDING IN JAKARTA AND DRAPED INDONESIAN FLAG ON TOYOTA-SANYO BILLBOARD WHILE COLLEAGUES SCRIBBLED ANTI-JAPANESE SLOGANS ON NEARBY TOYOTA AGDMCY WINDOWS. NO VIOLENCE OR SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWERS OF MAVERICK PROTEST LEADER JULIUS USMAN SCALED THIRTY-FIVE STOREY NUSANTARA BULDING (JAKARTA'S TALLEST) ON DEC 10 AND DRAPED INDONESIAN FLAG ON MAMMOTH TOYOTA-SANYO BILLBOARD. SIMULTANEOUSLLY
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SEVERAL DOZEN COLLEAGUES FROM SELF-STYLED "NATIONAL

PRIDE COMMITTEE" PASTED SLOANS IN ENGLISH IN LOBBY
BELOW. SAMPLES: "JAPANESE GET YOUR ASS OUT."
"WE HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT THE JAPS ARE
SLAUGHTERERS," ETC. YOUTHS WHO HAD DEPARTED
BEFORE RIOT TROOPS ARRIVED TOLD PRESS THAT BUILDING
PAID FOR BY SUFFERINGS OF INDONESIAN PEOPLE
(IT WAS ORIGINALLY A JAPANESE WAR REPARATIONS PROAGCT)
SHOULD NOT BE USED ONLY FOR BENEFIT OF ELITE AND
AS PLACE OF DISPLAY FOR FOREIGN CULUTE. POLICE
REMOVED FLJNG FROM BILLBOARD.

3. A SHORT TIME LATER ANOTHER GROUP ("THE DEBT
PAYING GENERATION") VISITED TOYOTA AGENCY (PT ASTRA)
SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY AND SCRIBBLED ANTI-JAPANESE SLOGANS ON
EXPANSES OF PLATE GLASS. ACCORDING PRESS SIX YOUTHS
WERE DETAINED BY POLICE.

4. ON SAME DAY (BUT SUBJECT TO LESS PROMINENT PRESS
COVERAGE) NEAR-INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN HUNDREDS OF
SQUATTTERS ANGRILY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST JAKARTA POLICE

WHO WERE IN PROCESS OF EVICITING THEN FROM SHACKS CONSIDERED
DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO RAIL LINES. POLICE WERE TEMPORARILY
FORCED TO HALT THE EVICTION.

5. COMMENT: LEADERSHIP OF JULIUS USMAN'S GROUP WHICH
ORGANIZED PROTEST CAPERS DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS BEEN
AUGMENTED BY LOUIS WANGGE, A CATHOLIC FROM
FLORES WHO (LIKE USMAN) WAS A WELL-KNOWN GENERATION
OF '66 STUDENT LEADER. LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS
(ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NOT POLICE) WERE ALERTED TO
NUSANTARA FLAG-DRAPING WELL AHEAD OF TODAY BY
ANONYMOUS PHONE
CALLS. YOUTH-STUDENT ACTIONS WERE NOT LINKED
TO SQUATTER PROTEST(SIMILAR EVICTIONS ARE COMMON
OCCURRENCES HERE) EXCEPT THAT INDIRECTLY SUCH
EVICTIONS ARE
WHAT THE STUDENT PROTEST IS ALL ABOUT.
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